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M. D. Wainwright Council Minutes

The Council of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 met in the Council Room of the Municipal District on Thursday, the 9th day of December, 1948, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

Councillors Dallyn, Sutherland, Taylor, Smale, Arthur and Archibald present. Reeve Sutherland in the Chair.

Dallyn—That the minutes of 10th November, 1948 be accepted as written. Cd.

Smale—That the accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee and subsequent accounts rendered amounting to $38669.70 be passed and paid.

Sutherland—That the statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the month ending November 30th, 1948 be accepted as read and incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Smale—That the Reeve and Treasurer, after examining the 1948 Estimated Receipts and Expenditures be authorized to balance any over or under Expenditures prior to January 31st, 1948 and report in detail at the January 13th meeting. Cd.

Sutherland—That the Cancellations amounting to $1851.99 be approved.

Smale—That Charles Wilbraham be appointed Returning Officer for the 1949 Municipal and Hospital elections, Municipal Divisions 1, 2 and 7, Hospital Division D. Cd.

Archibald—That the Secretary be guided by Secs. 17 and 28 of the Assessment Act to hold a Court of Revision during the week of January, 1949. Cd.

Sutherland—That the Resignation of Clr. Spencer as Councillor, Division 2, dated 22nd November 1948 to take effect 1st December, 1948 on account of moving from the District be accepted with regret. Cd.

Archibald—That the Reeve act as Administrator and Trustee for Division 2 until a new Councillor takes his seat. Cd.

Archibald—That this Council approve the action of the Reeve and Secretary in making application to the Town of Wainwright to purchase Lot 21, Block 5, Plan 6445V for the sum of $60.00 and that a Cheque for this amount be forwarded to the Town of Wainwright. Cd.

Smale—That the correspondence from F. B. Brewer be received and that the Secretary advise the parties concerned that the Council approve the account for X-ray on his spine. Cd.

Sutherland—That the report of Clr. Taylor reference to the Stevens family and that this family were a charge of the Village of Chauvin be accepted. Cd.

Bylaw 248 concerning the sale of the NE 32-45-5-4 for $1000.00 cash to W. P. Wood presented.

Smale—That Bylaw 248 pass its 1st reading. Cd.

Archibald—That Bylaw 248 pass its 2nd reading. Cd.

Taylor—That Bylaw 248 pass its 3rd and final reading. Cd.

Arthur—That the Secretary compute the amount of Monies the Municipal District would have received in the ordinary way from leases which had been applied for this year within the Community Pasture and render an account to the Community Pasture for this amount. Cd.

Sutherland—That this District make application to have all Councillors protected under the Workmans Compensation Board Act. Cd.

Sutherland—That the Secretary advise the Department of Public Works that this Council have no objection to them leasing the road allowance between Secs. 5, and 6 and 7 and 8-42-3-4 to Frank Kelly. Cd.

Sutherland—That the Paysheets amounting to $4790.30 be paid when signed by the Councillor concerned.

Bylaw No. 249 for the purpose of purchasing 1 Frink Power Snow plough with wing for the sum of $4535.00 cash presented.

Sutherland—That Bylaw 249 pass its 1st reading. Cd.

Smale—That Bylaw 249 pass its 2nd reading. Cd.

Dallyn—That Bylaw 249 pass its 3rd and final reading. Cd.

Bylaw No. 250 for the purpose of purchasing 1 No. 12 Caterpillar Diesel Motor Grader for the sum of $16,992.00 less 2% if paid within 10 days of delivery, presented.

Smale—That Bylaw No. 250 pass its 1st reading. Cd.

Dallyn—That Bylaw 250 pass its 2nd reading. Cd.

Taylor—That Bylaw 250 pass its 3rd and final reading. Cd.

Archibald—That the Building Committee deal with the matter of the floor in the Office Addition without delay. Cd.

Bylaw 251 for the purpose of Compensating the owners of the N½ 4-46-7-4 for the use of Roadway through said land and payment thereof presented.

Arthur—That Bylaw 251 pass its 1st reading. Cd.

Archibald—That Bylaw 251 pass its 2nd reading. Cd.

Sutherland—That Bylaw 251 pass its 3rd and final reading. Cd.

Dallyn—That J. A. Tessier be appointed as Pound-keeper and that the location of the pound shall be in the SW 1-42-7 and that notices shall be posted at the Village of Chauvin and at the Pound.

That Peter Olson be appointed Pound-keeper and that the location shall be in the NE 36-43-1-4 and that notices shall be posted at the Village of Chauvin and at the Pound. Cd.

Smale—That this Council go on record of being opposed to the settlement of Hutterites in Colonys bordering this Municipal District to the North-West and forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Communal Property Act. Cd.

The Minutes of the Service Board meeting held 6th December, 1948 read and recommendations noted.

Arthur—That the Field Supervisor's report be accepted and filed with his records. Cd.

Secretary reported that P.F.A. Inspector reports are being received, and read corespondence reference to certain townships.

Arthur—That the policy of this Council regarding back-sloping of roads shall be: The Council will do all the dirt work in connection with the above provided the property owner will remove all fences and pole lines and clear all brush, rocks, roots, etc. within the property line for a distance of from 8 to 12 feet back from the line. The Council will also supply grass seed and seed same. The property owner to harrow seed in, the resulting crop of grass to be available to property owner for hay. Cd.

No more business on hand.

Arthur—That the meeting adjourn. Cd.

Tenders Wanted

Wainwright School Division No. 32

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to noon on January 19th, 1949, for the sale of the old school buildings at the Metropolitan School No. 1737. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Wainwright School Div. No. 32
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Glen-Coa Gleanings

Holiday time once again brings our young people home; Miss Solveig Steffensen from Camrose; Miss Lilly Nelson, for the Christmas weekend, from Bawlf; Miss Eunice Satre from Paschendale district; Curtis Satre and Lawrence Likness from Saskatoon.

Miss Betty Mackay expects to spend the New Year's weekend at home. She is Lilly Nelson's coworker at the Sunset Home at Bawlf. To each of these young folks, we say "happy holidaying."

Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Larson and two children of Fort Saskatchewan were Christmas visitors at the Torlief Larson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reitan of Calgary spent Christmas with Mrs. A. Reitan and relatives.

Heartiest congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. L. Peterson who are proud parents of a fine baby boy, Terence Bryan, born December 16th at Hardisty hospital.

Mrs. O. Likness and Orville left on December 27th for Vancouver for a short holiday.

Glenholm and Coal Springs school programs were held on the afternoon and evening respectively of December 23rd. Due to road conditions not as many as planned could attend these programs.

Christmas service was held at Sharon at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. The Sunday school program was held on Sunday evening, December 26th.

More festivities are scheduled for the holiday week by the Luther League. These include a Social evening on December 28th at L. Satre's, a Sleighing Party on the afternoon of December 30th at T. Larson's, a New Year's eve watch-night program on the 31st at Sharon, and a Skating party the evening of the 1st, with lunch afterwards at Steffensen's.

To all readers of Glen-Coa Gleanings may we wish you the very best during the coming year!

Wedding Bells

HARTLEY — SHOTTS

At a double ring ceremony, Friday evening, December 10th, in Knox United Church, Calgary, Alberta, Doris Lamar, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shotts of Vancouver, B.C., exchanged marriage vows with John McKellar Hartley, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartley. The Rev. Rex Brown officiated.

The bride, a former Irma girl and graduate of Vancouver General hospital, '47 class, chose for her costume a burgundy gabardine suit with forrest green accessories and touches of bronze. A corsage of Talisman roses completed the ensemble.

Following the ceremony the bridal couple left on a motor trip to Vancouver, B.C. and on their return will make their home in Calgary where the groom is well known.

NOTICE

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

TO ALL RATEPAYERS:

Notice of Preparation of Assessment Roll for 1949 has been posted. Please note complaints must be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than Friday, the 21st day of January, 1949 so that arrangements can be made to hear such complaints at the most convenient place within the Municipal District.

Please not and be governed accordingly.

CHARLES WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.
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NEWS ITEMS FROM JARROW

Glen Belton is spending part of his holidays in the city with his sister Mrs. Donovan.

The Jarrow school had its Christmas Party on Thursday, December 23rd. All report a very enjoyable afternoon.

We are sorry to hear that Ambrose Firkus is a patient in the Hardisty hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. Oracheski and Mrs. Wyand spent the first of the week in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuder and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whidden Jr. were holiday guests at the H. A. Whidden home.

Victor Carter spent Christmas with relatives in the city.

Among those home for the Christmas holiday were Morraine Comley Geraldine Albrecht, Irma Theroux, Verla Lind, Mrs. Mary Lind, Barry Holt.

The Christmas concert which was put on by the teacher Mrs. [illegible] school was well attended and much appreciated by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Christenson were holiday visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wright and Clifford spent Christmas Day with relatives at Bruce.

Mel McCune is enjoying a visit from his father who lives in B. C.

Southern Sayings

Mr. Charlie Walker accompanied by Mrs. Pat Spooner and girls were Calgary visitors last week.

Mr. Fred Hill was a visitor to the city last week.

Mrs. Art Long and Marion, Mrs. F. Voros and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long and son were Sunday visitors at the O. Setter home.

A lovely crowd attended the Xmas fund dance at the Plains last Friday where a nice time was had by all. The aphgan was won by Norris Tomlinson.

Mrs. J. Jackson, Mrs. R. Reber, Mrs. Cairns and Conny Owen of Irma were all city visitors last week.

THE RURAL POSTMAN
(From Canadian Servant Magazine)

In the cold and blustery weather,
When the frost is on the rail,
Would you love to face a blizzard
With a half a ton of mail?

In the biting blizzard weather,
When the snow comes to your knees,
Would you love to fish for pennies
While your feet and fingers freeze?

When the gleaming snow is drifted,
Underneath a foot of sleet,
Would you love to have the chilblains,
In your elbows and your feet?

When outdoors the wind is whistling,
And the air is full of snow,
Would you love to have a jitney,
And the blamed thing would not go?

Yes, I'd love the good old fireside,
Sipping coffee from a pail,
But I have to buck the snowdrifts,
'Cause the farmers want their mail.

I don't mind the frozen snowdrifts,
When my knees are stiff with cramps,
If you would keep the blooming pennies,
Buy a quarter's worth of stamps.

I get snow mixed in my whiskers,
And I get it in my socks,
But it never hurt my feelings,
Like those pennies in the box.

Farmers' Spiel In Full Progress

The second annual Farmers' Bonspiel is now in full swing at the Irma Curling rink with a grand total of 21 rinks competing.

The following are the skips of the various rinks; N. MacMillan, Don MacKey, W. Lawson, J. Barss, H. Riley, M. Knudson, F. Lukens, S. Knowles, G. Fenton, A. Cook, C. Smallwood, M. Enger, C. Burton, A. Johnson, C. Archibald, G. Ried, L. Currie, J. McKay, G. Fischer, S. Fenton, E. Jones.

A full account will be published next week.

Irma Wins Over Ryley 5 - 3

In Gas Line League play, December 22nd, Irma defeated Ryley 5 to 3.

After a scoreless first period, Irma stepped out to a 4-0 lead, as Prosser scored two quick goals, followed by Ramsay. Jones made [illegible]

In the third stanza, Ryley staged a comeback as Hjelter, Greer and Bendikson scored in that order, the first two scored while Irma was short a man. This put Ryley within striking distance of Irma, but McFarland scored what proved to be the final goal. The play throughout the game was ragged as penalties slowed up the pace.

Obituary

SILAS WALLACE McPHEE

The death occurred on Friday evening, very suddenly, December 24th, 1948, at the family home near Innisfail, of Silas Wallace McPhee, age 57 years.

Mr. McPhee was born in Shubenacadie, N.S., going from there to United States for a number of years, then coming west to Turner Valley oil fields, where he worked many years.

Then this last few years he has lived near Innisfail, where he had bought a farm and had a sheep and cattle ranch.

In addition to his widow, Jessie, he is survived by three sons and one daughter. He is also survived by two brothers, Robert and Elroy, also one sister, Mrs. L. A. Hager of Irma, Alberta.

NOTICE

Preparation of Assessment Roll 1949

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adopted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, so that if any person thinks any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, he may at any time prior to the 21st day of January 1949 notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 1st day of January, 1949.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.
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"Our criminals are not our educated people." —Judge Allan Fraser.

At the Churches

IRMA UNITED CHURCH

Strawberry Plains—11 a.m.

Albert services at the Wm. Matthew's house at 2 p.m.

Irma S.S.—11 a.m.

Worship service—7:30 p.m.

The Rev. H. W. Inglis will be in charge.

A hearty welcome to all.

IRMA GOSPEL MISSION

Services for week Dec.31st to Jan. 6th.

Friday, Dec. 31—Y.P's. meeting at the home of Fred Younker at 8 p.m.

Sunday, 10:45—Sunday school Classes for all ages.

11:45—Morning Worship Service.

Topic, "The Old Cross and the New Cross."

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week prayer meeting.

We welcome you to our services. Come and bring a friend.

Pastor—Geo. E. Warnock.

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 11 Cor. 12:9.

WE APOLOGIZE

During the rush of getting The Times to press for December 17th, the Season's Greetings ad for Steve's Shoe Shop was inadvertently left out, so we are doing what we can to make amends to this firm by including it in this issue, hoping Steve and all his friends will forgive us.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends who so kindly contributed to the purse presented to us on our leaving for the coast. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing a Happy New Year to all.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Meakins.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the members of the Irma High School Students' Union for the lovely gifts and cards sent me at Christmas time.

—Olga Bruhaug.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends who came to visit me or sent letters, cards and fruit whilst I was in the Wainwright hospital. Everything was very much appreciated.

—Mrs. G. Watkinson.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It's what you give with heart and soul
That makes the Christmas spirit,—
The selfless service that you choose
To help another merit,—
The loving sacrifice you make
That others may inherit.

—Nancy O. Parke.

Community Cook Book

ORANGE COOKIES

2/3 cup butter
2 eggs
2/3 cup sour cream
2 tsp. vanilla
Juice of one orange
3 tsp. grated orange rind
3 cups sifted pastry flour
¾ tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1½ cups shredded wheat finely crushed, (6 biscuits).
1 cup currants.

Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs, sour cream, vanilla and orange rind and juice, beat well Sift flour with salt, soda and baking powder and add with shredded wheat and currants. Drop by spoonsful and flatten with bottom of tumbler. Bake in oven 375 degrees about 12 minutes.

—Mrs. C. Anquist.

Increase In Immigration

THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION which started in 1945 has increased steadily, and since that time 254,000 new citizens have come to make their homes in Canada. These people have for the most part come from displaced persons camps in Europe or from the United Kingdom. From the beginning, shipping has been a determining factor in governing the number of immigrants which have arrived each year. During the period immediately following the war there was a shortage of ships, and many of those which were available were needed for bringing home service personnel and their dependents. The scarcity of shipping, however, has gradually become less acute, as more accommodation has been made available, the flow of immigration has steadily increased.

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About Half Are From Britain

From the latter part of 1945 until the end of March, 1946, 31,000 immigrants and displaced persons arrived in Canada. During the following year, 67,000 came into the country and in the year ending in March, 1948, 79,000 arrived. Since March, 1948, it is estimated that about 77,000 more have been admitted. Of all these about half are from the United Kingdom. Since the war the total number coming from Great Britain is given as 134,000 and these people constitute the largest single group of immigrants to enter Canada during that time. In the year following the war, 20,000 British immigrants were received here. In the following year, the figure rose to 47,000, and between March, 1947, and the same month in 1948, 45,000 arrived. Since that time, a further 22,000 from the British Isles have migrated to this country.

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No Decrease Is Indicated

The reason for the slight falling off in the number from the United Kingdom is attributed by officials of the Department of Immigration to the urgency of the need to settle displaced persons as quickly as possible. There are still many people in Britain who are anxious to come to Canada to live and there is now no indication that there will be any marked decrease in immigration to this country for many years to come. There has always been a strong tendency for the people of Europe to look to this continent when they wish to seek new homes. At the present time the United States has in force strict quota regulations, so that the number who can enter that country is limited. For this reason there are a great many people in Europe and in the United Kingdom who are now looking to Canada, if they have the qualification required for them to settle here. If world conditions do not change it is expected that 100,000 new Canadians will arrive during the coming year. In opening her doors to these people Canada is making a fine contribution towards solving a great human problem but she is also acquiring many new citizens who will without doubt in their turn contribute much to the building of this nation.

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Ducks Unlimited Plan New Prairie Nesting Projects

WINNIPEG.—In 1949, Ducks Unlimited incorporated will construct 25 to 30 nesting projects in the prairie provinces under its international wildfowl conservation programme, according to Arthur M. Bartley, New York, executive director.

Mr. Bartley, spent six days in Winnipeg conferring with officials of Ducks Unlimited (Canada).

The proposed projects will be distributed across the prairie nesting grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

For the 1949 projects, Mr. Bartley expects a budget upwards of $300,000 to be approved at a meeting of trustees in March. During ten years of conservation activity, Ducks Unlimited has spent $2,000,000 in Canada.

By spring, 26 projects will be in operation as a result of Ducks Unlimited's 1948 programme, Mr. Bartley states. With these, the number of projects in the prairies will total 200. The cost of these projects, covering from 1,000 to 15,000 acres, range from $10,000 to $50,000.

Flights this fall on all North American flyways—the Atlantic, Mississippi, central and Rocky mountain—indicated satisfactory duck production, Mr. Bartley remarked.

In 1938, when the work of Ducks Unlimited was inaugurated in Canada, two-thirds of the prairie breeding grounds had been destroyed, Mr. Bartley said. The advancing agricultural frontier pushed the breeding centres northward and drainage of land and drouth further imperilled wildfowl.

Ducks Unlimited undertook to provide wildfowl with marshes and ponds in which to breed, safety, and proper food, Mr. Bartley pointed out.

Lord Nuffield Gives Million For Surgeons

LONDON. — Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, has given £250,000 ($1,000,000) to help young surgeons, particularly from the dominions, the United States and other countries, coming to Britain for advanced studies, it was announced.

The gift, made to the Royal College of Surgeons for the promotion of research and education in the surgical sciences, will be used to build a Nuffield College of Surgical Sciences attached to the Royal College.

Young surgeons studying here will be able to live in the new college and meet leading British surgeons and distinguished surgical teachers from abroad. 2808

FUNNY *And* OTHERWISE

"I want to ask you something in confidence," began Jones, as Smith and he lingered at the bar.

"Right! What is it?"

"Well, Robinson wants to borrow ten dollars from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities."

"What do you suggest?" asked Jones.

"A strong chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

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Son: "Daddy, what are bill collectors?"

Father: "A bill collector, my son, is a man who combines business with pleasure."

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Smith is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client, when the head of his firm received this telegram: "Have forgotten name of client. Please wire at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm. It ran: "Client's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

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Mrs. Timkin: "I suppose you've had lots of new dishes since your chef arrived?"

Mrs. Simkin: "Yes, almost a complete new dinner service."

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An official with a very annoying manner was making an inspection of an aerodrome.

On this particular afternoon parachute practice was being undertaken by a number of pilots, and the official asked question after question of one man about his experiences and sensations while falling through the air.

"But supposing your parachute fails to open while you are coming down?" he asked finally. "What do you do then?"

The pilot had had more than enough by this time. "Take it back and change it," he replied.

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Sandy happened upon a fellow-Scot lying in the road after a motor crash. "Did nae one see ye?" he asked. "No." "Well, I'm insured, too. Wu'd ye mind if I day down

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"Mother, shall I have a little sister one day?" "Why?" "Well it gets rather a bore teasing the cat."

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Lawyer (paternally), to client anxious for divorce: "My dear young lady, occasional tiffs are bound to occur in your married life. But think of the joy to be got out of it."

Client: "Exactly. Get me out of it."

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A certain movie executive, who used to enjoy delivering after-dinner speeches of interminable length, now expresses himself with the most commendable brevity.

Asked to explain his reformation, the movie man shamefacedly replied: "It was a remark I overheard. During a pause in one of my speeches, I overheard one man say to another, 'What follows Bamberger?' And the other fellow replied, 'Wednesday'."

Practising With Barbara Ann Scott In Chill Grey Light of Early Morn

By JEAN LOVE GALLOWAY
Written Specially for Central Press Canadian

OTTAWA. — Barbara Ann Scott, world figure skating champion, leaped into the glaring flood lights of New York's famous Roxy ice stage on Dec. 5th. Described as "Talented, Tiny and Terrific", Barbara Ann went to the U.S. as Canada's best loved ambassador who has skated into the hearts of the world.

This is the first time Barbara Ann has received a salary cheque. It is reported to be something like $50,000, a good proportion of which the champion is donating to underprivileged children.

I dropped in at the Minto Skating Rink here just before Barbara Ann left for New York and found the Queen of the Blades hard at work on the ice. There was no glamor about it there in the chill grey light of early morning, the rink barren of spectators and lights. There was no symphony orchestra, no scintillating costumes. This was a star, at work.

Great artists all have to practise. Most of their time is spent behind the footlights in an exacting routine that calls for concentration, courage and patience. Barbara Ann does her spins and turns over and over again until absolute perfection is attained. The hours of concentrated drill that go into those little bows alone, would amaze you. For no matter how skilful the perfomance, its finale must be dramatic and personal.

When I watched her at practice Barbara Ann was wearing a canary yellow skating outfit with a light green pullover sweater. On her head, was a tight-fitting yellow knitted bonnet tied snugly under the chin. And she wore matching knitted wool gloves.

Up in a small sound box at one end of the Minto rink a pianist fingered out snatches from Little Dutch Mill and Tip Toe Through The Tulips. He wore a brown fedora hat pulled down well over his head and a raincoat over a heavy sweater. Rinks are cold places to play pianos.

Barbara Ann puts in her first hour without a coach. There was a caretaker sweeping up under the benches. And there were two young skaters beside ye?"

taking lessons at the other end of the ice. Otherwise, the whole place was as deserted as Baffin Land. B-rrrr.

"Will you give me that ending again, please?" Every few minutes Barbara Ann would stop and skate over to the sound box. Then she would try another spin. Not satisfied, she would call for the music again. They would keep it up until Barbara Ann decided it was perfect.

She has one number calling for a large white fan which she wafts in motions of such faultless grace that even a swan would be envious. This number needs symphony music and her pianist produces it at a nod of the head.

Having completed part of her routine for the morning, the young skating star sought me out in the gallery. She seemed happy that somebody had come to watch her. She bought me a cup of tea and we talked about New York.

She explained that in New York she would have to skate on small ice instead of a huge expanse of it as in the Minto Club or Maple Leaf Gardens. This calls for alterations in a skater's technique. It seems you feel confined and cramped on a small area of ice after being accustomed to performing on a large rink.

Melville Rogers is coaching the world champion right now. Barbara Ann practised without music under his direction for the next hour. Rogers plunks a chair out on the ice. He sits down in his big overcoat. He wears a Homburg and leather mitts, but no skates.

Sliding around on his chair, Rogers watches every movement of the famous skating queen. He points out even the slightest defect in form. Rogers puffs cigarettes as he coaches and is absolutely unconscious of anything but the action of the skater before him.

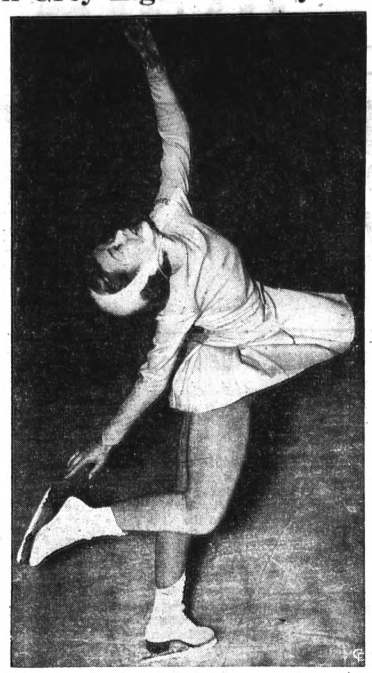
Practise Goes On

But long after the pianist had gone home and the coach had left, Barbara Ann's practising continued. Her next session was with a ballet teacher who arrived to give her tips on injecting the grace of the ballet into skating. When the ballet teacher has had enough, Barbara Ann practised alone, trying to correlate the rhythm of music, the instruction of the coach and the art of the ballet into her very soul.

Finished about one o'clock, the champion headed for home in her dream car—the big powder blue convertible presented to her by the city of Ottawa. Bearing the significant license plate, 48 U 1, the car is familiar to Ottawa people.

Everyplace in the Minto Club are photos of Barbara Ann Scott as the local organization is proud to honor their very own star. There is one large formal photograph of her by Karsh. There is also an interesting picture of Sonja Henie with an autographed note reading: "To Barbara Ann Scott with all my best wishes."

Gas for lighting purposes in Canada was introduced in 1840.



Barbara Ann Scott, (above), who is appearing at a New York theatre during the holiday season.

Farmers Are Warned Of Possible Lower Prices For Their Surpluses

OTTAWA. — Dean A. M. Shaw, chairman of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, said Canadian farmers must realize that the Dominion is out of the war period and that they may have to accept lower prices for their surpluses.

At the second session of the three-day conference, he said delegates seemed to be agreed that agriculture was facing an immediate future which may bring "very different" conditions.

There was a feeling of "insecurity" and a "vagueness about the long view."

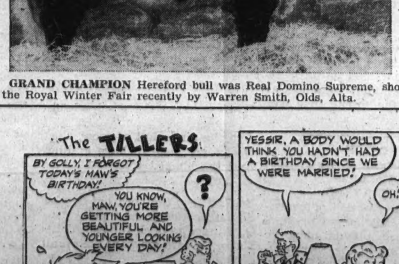
"We have an agriculture industry that has become highly organized, and our farmers are in a sounder position than they have been in the memory of many of us here."

Canada was troubled about some things that were happening in the United States. One problem was the fact European Recovery Program funds could not be used to buy farm products which were surplus in the U.S. This called for action between the Canadian and American governments.

Dr. Shaw said there may be a considerable increase in summer fallow on the Prairie provinces and little increase in wheat acreage.

At the same time, he cautioned farmers against producing a fatter hog in an effort to compete in the U.S. market. The Americans now were developing a lean hog along Canadian lines and this may be an advantage to Canadians.

He felt prices paid by the government for flaxseed and rapeseed, needed during the war years, were too high and suggested production of rapeseed may cease altogether now that the war stimulus was gone. Soybeans, too, would have to find their own level.



GRAND CHAMPION Hereford bull was Real Domino Supreme, shown at the Royal Winter Fair recently by Warren Smith, Olds, Alta.

Banks Render Music For Clients

EDMONTON.—Now the Canadian Bank of Commerce here has disc jockies.

Customers entering the bank on business were pleasantly surprised recently to hear renditions of Christmas carols and soft organ music.

The music all recorded, comes from a new combination radio-record player.

Branches of the Bank of Montreal in Montreal and Toronto installed a similar system recently.

A bank official here said the system will be continued, "if it proves itself."

Prairie Moisture 41 Per Cent. Of Normal

REGINA. — Rainfall in the past autumn averaged only 41 per cent. of normal for the three prairie provinces, according to an estimate made by the Searle Grain company and released recently.

These fall rains—after harvest and up to freeze-up—constitute the only moisture reserves available for the coming crop that will be seeded on stubble land.

Summerfallowed land, however, contains additional reserves. These consist of the rains that fell during the past growing season and the fall before that. The Searle estimate places these reserves at 87 per cent. of normal for the prairie area.

Reserves by provinces are estimated as follows:

Stubble land: Alberta 39 per cent.; Saskatchewan 39 per cent., and Manitoba 54 per cent.

Summerfallow: Alberta 92 per cent.; Saskatchewan 82 per cent., and Manitoba 104 per cent. of normal.

POTASH FOUND AT OIL SITE

REGINA. — J. M. Cantor, secretary-treasurer of Community Petroleum Ltd., announced potash has been discovered on an oil-drilling site a half-mile from North Battleford in north-western Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cantor said a salt bed with two zones had been struck at more than 2,700 feet containing a low potash content. Samples have been sent to University of Saskatchewan for analysis.

Foreign Language Records Obtainable

During the long winter evenings when music becomes a restful pastime, and especially so as radio-phonograph sets now have become popular, enabling one to listen to their own selection from records. This fact is most appreciated by our new Canadian citizens who have come from Europe in recent months to establish themselves here, as now it is possible to obtain in Canada records of most foreign languages, thus giving them an opportunity to enjoy a restful period of listening to music of their own native land.

Record Catch Of Herring In One Set

VANCOUVER. — A thousand tons of herring in one set—2,000,000 lbs. of fish—is the record catch reported by one boat in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island

Value of the catch landed at the dock is about $21,500. Of this amount the seiner crew will divide about $7,500, tendermen will receive an equal amount on a share basis and the remainder will go to boat charters and other charges.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

WINGS AND CHAPS

"An Act Of Stealing Your Own Cattle."

By John Thomas Kieran

HAZEL looked up with sudden fear A plane? In this region! She thrilled at the marvelous picture it made—skimming over the rugged, deep-hued Sierra Madres. It was coming toward her. In a minute it was dipping between those sturdy old points, Tom and Ben.

It added a distinctly new note to the whole affair. Even with that well-earned self-possession and composure of hers a foreboding chill went over her. Did this mean—?

The plane circled now, as if for a landing. If it did land it must be so on this mesa. Yes! It was touching earth. The wheels bounced lightly and then rolled gracefully over the tufted ground. It taxied toward her, a white chapped figure on the horse that snorted nervously at this agile, hitherto unseen monster.

Never moving her eyes she watched the person who jumped lightly from the cockpit. Her premonition had been right. It was Blaine, her neighbor on the ranch just across the river.

"Good day," he greeted with exaggerated politeness. She flushed as she caught the subtle note in it. Was he mocking her? As he had other times?

"Good day," she returned, just as polite. "So you are an aviator—if nothing else?"

"Yes . . . Even if I do seem such a ridiculous greenhorn as a rancher to you . . . You see, I had my plane shipped here to me, as soon as I saw that I was going to like the scenery so well."

She flushed again. "New Mexico is far-famed for its scenery," she snapped. Mentally she was asking just why she had been so disdainful to him ever since he had come, when she didn't at all feel that way. Not for the world now would she let him see this. Yet, she had always felt a certain contempt for what she considered his tenderfoot ways. And when he had offered to help locate her cattle that were being systematically rustled — it was ridiculous. Why, not even the sheriff could find them.

"I see that you were out before daybreak this morning," he said.

She looked at him with a start. "What of it; I'm often up early." She examined him with a new interest. "And how did you happen to see me?"

"I was standing beside a cottonwood at the stream when you let your horse drink. I suppose you never noticed me. But I recognized your white goat-skin chaps. I wager there isn't a pair like them in the next five counties. They are most becoming."

She wheeled her horse. "Save your compliments," she flung back at him, and dug her heels into her horse's flanks.

He watched her for the briefest time. Then he drew a revolver and deliberately fired. She pulled up her horse so short that only expert ability in the saddle kept her in it. Angrily she wheeled it on its hind feet and the mount made a lunge back toward him. Her gun leaped into her hand.

"What do you mean!"

"Sorry! But I was afraid I could not attract your attention any other way . . . I have something very important to tell you."

"You! Something important to tell me?"

"Just the same" imperturbably, "I have."

"Well, what is it?"

He glanced at her closely, walking up to Prince, her horse, and slipping his hand into the bridle, "Won't you tell me why you were out so early this morning?" he asked gently.

Something hot stung her eye, but she flamed out: "What business is that of yours?"

"Because I've found out something. Has any new development occurred?"

She bit her lip. "Well, yes, if you must know . . . Twenty-eight more steers disappeared last night."

"I thought so!"

"You thought so! What do you mean? Were you . . .?"

"Connected with the disappearance? No? But I know where they are!"

Her face went white. "What?"

"And also where the rest of the cattle rustled from the Double X 8 ranch are cached."

"How could you find that out? Everyone around has tried."

"With Caesar, my plane . . . There is a certain valley hidden in the Sierra Madres . . . off the beaten trails, yet not so distant . . . a practically walled-in oasis in a cataclysmal area of peak and rock. Grass grows in it, there's a stream there, and also all the cattle ever stolen from Double X 8. And you being mistress of Double X 8, I knew you'd be interested."

"You—have no clues?"

His face was an enigma. "I landed, risking my neck. There is a trail in and out, of course, known to only the person who drove the cattle there. I didn't even look for it. But I did find this." He took a wisp of hair from his pocket. "I found it on a bush, torn from a chap. It's white goat hair!"

Her face went white. "You—you—"

"Yes, Hazel. You are now owner of Double X 8. Why have you been stealing your own cattle?"

Suddenly her head fell. "When Dad died so suddenly he had no time to get his affairs in shape. I know he had finished paying for the ranch, because he told me so the day he did it. But now the Development Company is going to foreclose the mortgage they say he had on it . . . And I can't find a scrap of receipt or anything to show he did pay it."

"And so you have been rustling you own cattle to save that much from the wreck, eh?"

"And why not!" she flamed. They're mine, by rights."

He laughed at her, quizzically. "A damsel in deep distress. And yet you spurned the written offer of my expert legal aid."

"You, a greenhorn," she sputtered. "And so self-assured. Why, just let me tell you I can take care of—"

"Yourself? Oh, no, you can't. And from now on I'm going to do it. You need it. For instance," he grinned, "remember that tempestuous note of refusal you wrote me on the back of an old envelope? In it was your father's receipt."

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RECIPES

CHEESE CUSTARD

4 slices buttered bread
¼ pound grated cheese
3 eggs
1½ cups milk
½ teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
1 teaspoon minced onion

Butter baking dish. Cut the bread in cubes. Place the bread and the cheese in the dish in layers. Finish with a layer of bread crumbs, butter side up. Beat the eggs slightly, add the milk and seasonings. Pour this mixture over the bread and cheese. Set the baking dish in a pan of hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) until custard is firm in centre, or about 45 minutes in all.

HONEY SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon cornstarch
½ cup honey
½ cup cold water

Melt butter and blend with cornstarch; add honey and water and cook until it thickens.

Serve as hot sauce for pudding or ice cream.

NO BUTTER SHORTAGE SEEN FOR PRAIRIES

REGINA. — There won't be any butter shortage on the prairies in the foreseeable future, Gordon Loveridge of Grenfell, Sask., president of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery association, said recently.

"We live in a surplus-producing area in the praire provinces," he said, and shortages should not affect this area even if they were felt in eastern Canada and on the west coast. 2808

Prize Fur-Bearing Animals Shown At Breeders' Show



Grand sweepstake champion fox at the Alberta Fur Breeders' show, a platinum, shown by J. S. Thompson, Midnapore, Alta.



L. R. French, Brownes, Alta., swept four of six championships and took both the grand and reserve in the Silverblu mink with this pair at the 11th annual fur breeders' show in Calgary.



Estimated at $7,500, the rare and new Sapphire mink were shown at Calgary by L. R. Gorham, Edmonton. There are about 30 of this type of Sapphires in existence.

Calgary Stockyards Set All-Time Record

CALGARY—In the first 10 months of 1948, 196,460 head of cattle and 21,687 calves have been handled by the Calgary stockyards, an increase of more than 47,000 over the corresponding 1947 period, market daily, breaking all existing records here.

Calgary's 10-month figure is almost double Edmonton's, and ranks third highest among all livestock centres of the Dominion.

WORLD'S MOTOR LAWS

One hundred and one nations require that motor vehicles be driven on the right side of the street, while 85 enforce a left-hand rule, according to a review of the world's motor laws.

Probably First Of Its Kind Shot In Saskatchewan



According to Roger Fournier, Connell Creek, Sask., this is probably the first cougar ever shot in Saskatchewan. It was caught in a trap in the hills of the Pasquia Forest last February and finally shot by Joseph Fournier. The beast weighed 150 pounds and measured seven feet long. It was sent to the provincial museum at Regina.

Pick President Truman's Election As Biggest News Story Of 1948

NEW YORK. — President Truman's election was the biggest news story of 1948 in the opinion of editors around the world. It appeared as one of the year's "ten biggest" on lists from every section of the world in the United Press' annual survey of newsworthy events. It led many foreign lists. The struggle at Berlin and other developments in the European cold war also rated high on all lists.

United Press news executives in New York chose the year's ten biggest stories from the standpoint of Americans. Their unanimous choice for first place was Mr. Truman's victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. This list follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
2. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
3. The high cost of living.
4. Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate.
5. Gandhi's assassination.
6. Death of Babe Ruth.
7. The Chinese Civil War.
8. U.S. spy investigations.
9. The founding of Israel and Bernadotte's assassination.
10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.

The UP asked editors of Tass, the Russian news agency, and of the Moscow newspapers, Pravda and Izvestia, to choose the 10 biggest stories. They replied that they were too busy. However, judging from the display in the Soviet press, the Russians considered the following the 10 biggest stories:

1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
2. Soviet-American relations in general.
3. Organization of the union of western powers.
4. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
5. The new regime in Czechoslovakia.
6. Italian elections.
7. The series of treaties of friendship and commerce between the Soviet Union and eastern European nations.
8. The United Nations assembly at Paris.
9. Election of President Truman.
10. The Kasenkina case.

Australian editors made this choice:

1. and 2. (tied) President Truman's election and the illness of King George, which caused cancellation of the Royal tour of Australia.
3. 4. 5. 6. (tied) Princess Elizabeth's baby; Bernadotte assassination; death of Gandhi and India's independence; Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
7. 8. 9. 10. (tied) the Chinese Civil War; the Kasenkina Case; Gen. Smuts' defeat in South African election; the struggle for Palestine.

Newspaper editors in western Europe chose the following:

1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
2. Election of President Truman.
3. The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.
4. Organization of the union of western powers.
5. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
6. Assassination of Gandhi.
7. Assassination of Bernadotte.
8. The struggle for Palestine and the founding of Israel.
9. The Italian elections.
10. The Chinese Civil War.

Western Briefs

MOOSE JAW. — J. C. Stephen, Moose Jaw radio inspector, announced that an amateur emergency radiophone network has been formed in Saskatchewan by over 25 licenced amateur stations with outposts situated at various places in the province.

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GRAND PRAIRIE, Alta. — Hanging ripe and yellow from a potted plant in the window of a cafe in Peace River district municipality are two large lemons. What's more, a number of others are on their way to maturity.

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ASHCROFT, B.C.—A new type of cowboy who rounds up cattle by airplane is appearing on interior British Columbia ranges. Ranchers say the air system is coming into general use, ousting the horseman in chaps and a 10-gallon hat.

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EDMONTON. — More than 2,000 new telephones were installed in Edmonton this year. There are now 28,686 telephones in service in the city, compared with 25,509 a year ago.

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SIFTON, Man.—Coyotes are on the increase in this district and have carried off thousands of dollars worth of turkeys and chickens this year. J. Boguski reports the loss of 180 turkeys; Stanley Safronetz and Paul Medwedchuk each lost 40; Walter Cherwoniuk ten and Johnny Fedorkiw lost 18 in one day. Steve Matviashen lost 150 chickens, while Andrew Boyachuk and Jack Safrinetz lost a large number of fowl.

Prairies Blamed For B.C. Crimes

VANCOUVER. — Police blamed a "bad element" from the Prairies and Eastern Canada for a crime wave that has rocked Vancouver.

Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives are scouring underworld haunts as the police step up the drive against crime, highlighted with 32 holdups during the last month. Few arrests have been made.

Officials said the influx of 400 young men a week from the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada, coupled with wholesale layoffs of single men from B.C. logging camps, has turned Canada's third largest city into a haven for criminals.

"The wave of crime can not be blamed entirely on unemployed men from other parts of the Dominion, but has definitely increased with the influx," one official said.

Meanwhile a National Employment Service official said despite repeated warnings that jobs are scarce here, the influx is increasing at an alarming rate.

"Most of them are broke when they arrive," he said. "And that's where all the trouble starts."

Many of the men who would normally take jobs in the logging industry or other seasonal jobs have resorted to petty crimes when without funds.

"It's a crucial situation, but we are powerless to do anything about it," he said.

World Wheat Yield Above Expectations

OTTAWA.—World wheat production for 1948 is even bigger than anticipated, largely due to improvement in Europe, the bureau of statistics said.

The latest estimate places the world crop at 6,285,000,000 bushels, 35,000,000 bushels above the September forecast and 470,000,000 bushels greater than in the 1947 crop. The estimate is 15,000,000 bushels above the 1935-39 average.

Canada's 1948 crop was 393,300,000 bushels. Perhaps the "most significant" factor in the improvement, on a regional basis, is an indicated increase of 440,000,000 bushels over the 1947 crop in Europe.

However, the European wheat crop is still 127,000,000 bushels below the 1935-39 average.

On the other hand, production in some European countries, notably France and the United Kingdom, has exceeded the pre-war average.

Although import requirements for current needs have been reduced to some extent in many European countries, there still exists a need to build up depleted reserve stocks and to reduce high extraction rates.

Production this year in North America, South America and Oceania is down from last year, when all-time record wheat crops were harvested in the United States and Australia, but total production is well above the 1935-39 average.

Latest estimate, with 1947 figures in brackets, follows: North America, 1,696,000,000 (1,718,000,000); South America, 245,000,000 (325,000,000); Europe, 1,465,000,000 (1,025,000,000); U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia), 888,000,000 (875,000,000); Asia, 1,650,000,000 (1,517,000,000); Africa, 130,000,000 (130,000,000); Oceania, 190,300,000 (224,300,000); total, 6,285,000,000 (5,815,000,000).

New Handbook For Immigrants

OTTAWA. — A pocket-size handbook, written in simple language, will tell Canada's new citizens some of the things they should know about the country.

Copies of the book in English were issued by Resources Minister Mac-Kinnon. [illegible] man and Ukrainian editions are in preparation. The book, entitled "This Is Canada" will be given to all immigrants.

SASK. MUNICIPALITIES MEET MARCH 8

The 44th annual convention of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities will be held in Regina March 8 to 11, C. G. Bryden, secretary, has announced.

Owing to the heavy agenda which an estimated 1,000 delegates will face this year, the convention program will cover four instead of the usual three days.

Alberta Cattle Disease Free

EDMONTON. — Hyperkeratosis—a disease which has been sweeping through certain sections of the United States and which causes thickness of the skin in cattle—is not attacking cattle on Alberta farms. The disease is known here but has not occurred "very often" in the last few years.

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MARY MAXIM
SIFTON, MAN.

PEGGY —By Chuck Thurston



SUPPLY AND DEMAND

A few years ago it was fashionable for people to say that prices were not governed by supply and demand, that supply and demand was outdated and was no more than a phrase idly used by professional economists, but which had no place in this realistic world.

For perhaps the first time in history we have had several illuminating examples in front of us to show how supply and demand actually does govern price. On July 31st, 1946, the price of Canadian Class 2 wheat was $1.55. On November 28th, 1947, it was $3.45, and on October 14th, 1948, it was $2.33. These fluctuating prices were set by the Canadian Government's Wheat Board—which has the power to set any price it pleases—obviously in accordance with the fluctuating factors of supply and demand. For the year 1947 the price of Registered wheat was set at $4.50 a bushel; for this season 1948 it is $2.60 prices voluntarily set by prairie farmer seed growers, again obviously in strict proportion to fluctuating supply and demand.

Perhaps after these examples we need have no doubt but that supply and demand actually does govern, establish and set the price of commodities.

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Regular Meeting Wainwright S. Div.

Minutes of the Board meeting of the Wainwright School Division No. 32 held at the office of the secretary on Friday, December 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Dr. Folkins, F. E. Dixon, Wm. Lawson, Mrs. A. McLeod, Mr. F. M. Hill, (visitor).

Lawson—That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read. Cd.

Dixon—That the resolution re Teachers' Retirement Fund as received from the Department of Education be signed and remitted. Cd.

McLeod—That we purchase 20 copies of Insurance Pamphlets from Mr. A. G. Andrews of the A.S.T.A. for use of Board members and for the operators of buses used in the Wainwright School Division No. 32. Cd.

Dixon—That a revised contract for Mr. J. Reid, Repair-man, be drawn up by the office staff for review at the next meeting of the Divisional Board and further that the question of increased salary for the year 1949 be given consideration at that time. Cd.

McLeod—That the election in sub-division No. 4 be held on Friday, January 7th, 1949 and that the voting take place between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on that date and further that the office staff make all necessary arrangements. Cd.

Dixon—That we adjourn. Cd.

McLeod—That we permit the Farm Forum Group of Wainwright the use of the Movie Projector, providing that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the High School at Wainwright, and further that the machine be at all times under the supervision of a qualified projectionist. Cd.

Folkins—That the Health Nurse's report for the month of December including report on the Guidance Clinic be adopted. Cd.

Lawson—That the Superintendent's Report be adopted. Cd.

McLeod—That the Dormitory Report for the month of December be adopted. Cd.

Folkins—That the next meeting of the Board be held on Friday, January 21st, 1949 at 9:30 a.m. Cd.

Folkins—That the question of correcting the outer entrance to the basement of the Public School in Wainwright be left in the hands of Mrs. McLeod and committee. Cd.

Folkins—That a committee of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lawson and the office staff prepare a report outlining the cost of operation of the Wainwright S.D. No. 1658 as compared with the costs of operation in Irma, Edgerton, and Chauvin and that this report be presented for the consideration of the Board at the January meeting. Cd.

Folkins—That Mr. Bowlby's request for increase in salary be postponed until after the election in sub-division No. 4 early in January. Cd.

Dixon—That we endorse the action of the secretary in the sale of the coal from the Saddle Hill School, and the moving of the Oil Burner from Roros to Saddle Hill. Cd.

Lawson—That the rate of $3.00 per day be allowed for the additional mileage travelled by Mr. Symington on the Roseberry bus route.

Dixon—That accounts be paid in the amount of $21,541.43 and that same be recorded in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Lawson—That we adjourn. Cd.

SEEDTIME and HARVEST

By
Dr. F. J. Greaney
Director,
Line Elevators Farm Service,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Smut Situation in Western Canada

Line Elevators Farm Service offers no apology for again emphasizing the seriousness of the smut situation in the Prairie Provinces. The smut diseases of wheat, oats and barley still present a problem of first-rate importance. Only through the concerted efforts of plant scientists, extension agriculturists, seed growers and farmers can these destructive grain diseases be brought under control. At the present time these easily controllable plant diseases are causing an annual loss of at least 5 million dollars to Western Canadian farmers.

Smut Tests on Seed. Annually, during the past 4 years, Line Elevators Farm Service has tested thousands of farmers' seed samples of wheat, oats and barley from all over Western Canada for the surface-borne smuts. The results of these tests, showing the *percentage of samples carrying smut*, with the number of samples tested each year within brackets, are given below.

Crop	1945	1946	1947	1948*
Wheat	51.2 (6,069)	71.4 (8,242)	66.8 (9,173)	66.5 (1,016)
Oats	90.3 (1,600)	89.3 (2,978)	88.3 (2,800)	87.5 (246)
Barley	95.1 (1,602)	96.4 (1,043)	94.2 (687)	93.8 (129)

* Up to November 22, 1948.

A comparison of the findings for 1948 with those of 1947 offers no evidence of any improvement in the critical smut situation in the Prairie Provinces. If this condition is allowed to continue, Western Canada is likely to achieve, before long, the dubious distinction of being "The grain smut centre of the world".

Line Elevators Farm Service is more than ever convinced that smut tests on cereal seeds, particularly wheat, with specific seed treatment recommendations to farmers, will play an important part in reducing the enormous, although entirely unnecessary, losses that Western farmers now suffer annually from those cereal smuts that are carried on the surface of the seed. This year, therefore, we again invite farmers to make full use of the free smut testing service offered by this Department, through Line Elevator grain buyers.

IRMA W.I. TO MEET ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th

The January meeting of the Irma Women's Institute will be held at Mrs. J. C. McLean's home on Thursday, January 6th. Mrs. W. Rae and Mrs. John Rae are the program committee for this meeting.

Hostesses, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Alma Enger. Let's start the New Year with a full attendance.

"Generally speaking, people are honest." —Gen. A. E. Walford.

Locals

Mrs. Capt. Larson was a recent visitor to Edmonton where she attended the wedding of her brother, Mr. Guy Strand.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kiewica were also guests at Mr. Strand's wedding. While Mr. and Mrs. Kiewica were in the city their car was struck by a speeding taxi. Mr. and Mrs. Kiewica were badly cut and bruised and their car damaged. The taxi driver was held entirely responsible for the accident.

Miss Charlotte Milne is an Edmonton visitor this week.

Misses Norma and Jean Guiltner have been holidaying at Calgary and Edson.

Irma Junior Hockey team defeated the Hardisty Juniors on Wednesday afternoon. The juniors are doing splendidly this year.

Mrs. Allen received from Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shotts of Vancouver, announcement of the marriage of their youngest daughter, Doris Lamar Shotts to Mr. John McKellar Hartley. The ceremony took place at the Knox United Church, Calgary, Alberta, on the evening of December 10th.

Clifford Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Badry and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Badry of Strome, visited on Sunday with Mrs. Allen Lloyd and Mrs. Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Archer and small daughter spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Archer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Reeds.

Mrs. Taylor of Ft. Saskatchewan is a holiday guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Gunn.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lovig on December 24th in Wainwright hospital, a daughter.

Tony Soneff is now night operator at Jarrow and has taken up residence at Irma with his wife and daughter.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Thursday evening, December 16th, at the home of Mrs. S. S. Thomson, 1675—W4th Ave, Vancouver, B.C. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartley. A great many former Irma district residents were present and an enjoyable evening spent.

Miss Susie McKay, who is attending Toronto University, has successfully passed all her mid-year examinations. She is spending the Chrismas holidays with her class-mate, Miss Mollie Brian at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

"Our different provinces have security acts aimed to protect the investor but no government can legislate against the gross carelessness of an individual." —Capt. Barry German.



MOVIE CRITIC

CLYDE GILMOUR, Vancouver newspaperman who has taken to the air via CBC's Trans-Canada network. His commonsense criticism of the movies adds a spicy tang to Sunday afternoon listening. As CBC critic, Clyde Gilmour starts the ball rolling on Critically Speaking every Sunday on CBW at 10:30 p.m., CBK and CBX at 9:30 p.m.



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The LETTER BOX

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Wainwright Health District,
Wainwright, Alta.
Dec. 16th, 1948.

To the Editor Irma Times,
Irma Alta.

Dear Madam;

I would like to take the opportunity, through the medium of your paper, to express my thanks and appreciation to the Irma Womens' Institute and the Irma Council for the use of the Rest Room for my Child Welfare Clinics during the past year.

I believe I held a Clinic in the Rest Room the first day it was opened just over a year ago. To me the rest room is a splendid achievement on the part of the people who were instrumental in having one in the village. It has, I am sure, proved its worth in the past year to the country people seeking a place to rest and warm their kiddies.

It has at all times been clean and well kept and has proven most satisfactory on Clinic days.

I have had a most satisfactory year and achieved a good many of the things I set out to do, thanks to the co-operation of the people of Irma, the parents in the surrounding communities, the teachers and the local board of Trustees.

May I wish you all the Heartiest Season's Greetings.

Sincerely
Lillian Tweedy,
Public Health Nurse.

13 Kilburn Rd.
Stockton on Tees.

Dear Miss Reeves,

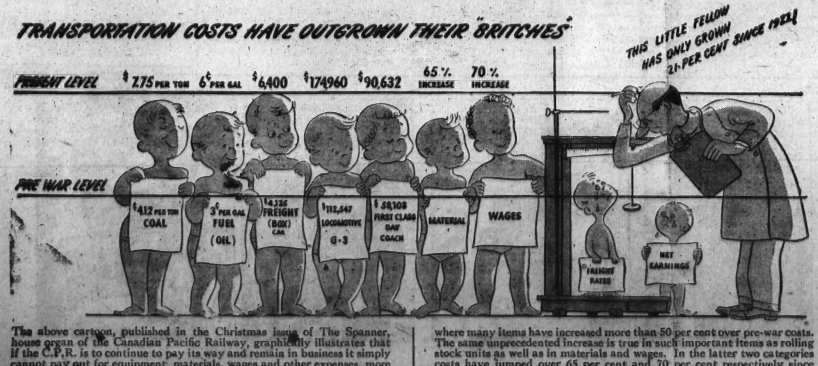
I'm afraid we were rather late in having our cards delivered this Christmas, but we hope you receive this in time. Thank you for sending us the Irma Times, so promptly. The girls are always surprised to receive the latest news and like to know all the happenings in and around Irma. If it's not too late I wonder if you would be kind enough to wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas, through the medium of your paper. We hope to meet all you kind people in 1949. I hope you are having as mild a winter as we are. The girls have been kept busy lately but hope to find time to write later.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,
G. McKean.

"It is a matter of record that since the war ended in 1945 there have been more people employed in Canada than ever before in peacetime." —Prime Minister St. Laurent.

"The enforcement of the penal law should be at the federal level and no legal sanction should be granted for lotteries or sweepstakes. There should be no discretionary power for any province." —Rev. Canon Judd.



The above cartoon, published in the Christmas issue of The Spanner, house organ of the Canadian Pacific Railway, graphically illustrates that if the C.P.R. is to continue to pay its way and remain in business it simply cannot pay out for equipment, materials, wages and other expenses, more than it takes in. The "baby clinic" cartoon shows that transportation costs in relation to freight rates have outgrown their "britches" — to the point where many items have increased more than 50 per cent over pre-war costs. The same unprecedented increase is true in such important items as rolling stock units as well as in materials and wages. In the latter two categories costs have jumped over 65 per cent and 70 per cent respectively since pre-war days while the price of most freight transportation items has gone up only 21 per cent.